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press industry and type foundries, which necessitated investigation, has been brought to the notice of the Government. An investigation was, however, made in the year 1951 by the Professor of Hygiene into the health of the workers in the Government Press, Madras, involving about 500 workers and no symptoms of lead poisoning were noticed among them.''

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" 1948-ம்வருடத்தில் மத்திய சர்க்கார் ஆக்ட் திருத்தத்தின் பிரகாரம் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு நஷ்டயீடு தருவதற்கு இந்த சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு சிபார்சு செய்வார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்-"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Certain lead process carried on in printing presses and type foundries have been declared as dangerous operation and a special provision is made under rule 95 of the Factory Rules. Lead poisoning has also been included as an occupational disease under Schedule III to the Workmen's Compensation Act and there is provision for compensation in that Act.''

Adivasis of Attappady.

* 1721 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the proposals for improving the conditions of Adivasis of Attappady, Malabar, contained in the memorandum submitted to the **Minister for** Agriculture when he visited Mannarghat in January by the Adivasi Kisan Sangham; and

(*b*) if so, what action do the Government propose to take thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the memorandum submitted by the Adivasis of Attappady, Malabar, was forwarded to Sri W. R. S. Sathianathan, Member, Board of Revenue, for submitting a detailed report to Government after making personal enquiries. His report is awaited.''

Conference on Forestry.

* 1725 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an international Conference on Forestry was held at Dehra Dun in 1954 ;

(*b*) whether any officer of this Government attended the Conference;

(*c*) whether any proposals were placed before the Conference by this Government; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received and will place on the table of the House a copy of the resolutions passed at the Conference?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir, it was known as the Fourth World Forestry Congress.

" (b) Yes, Sir. Five officers of the Forest Department attended the Congress as delegates of this State.

" (c) Apart from sending a paper of topical interest written by a Forest Officer of the State for being read at the Fourth World Forestry Congress, no proposals of this Government were placed before it.

" (d) An official copy of the resolutions has been called for from the Government of India. The question of placing a copy of the resolutions on the table of the House will be considered on receipt of the official copy."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know whether a report has been submitted by the officers who attended the Conference on behalf of this Government, if so, may I know the contents and may I also know whether any specific recommendations are made in the report about the development of forestry in our State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No report has been submitted like that, Sir. The Congress considered and discussed various questions of topical interest relating to forests in tropical areas and other areas."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" நம்முடைய காடுகளில் சந்தன மரத்திற்கு ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிற வியாதியை தடுப்பதற்கு என்ன வகை செய்யலாம் என்பதைப்பற்றி அந்த மகாநாட்டில் விவாதிக்கப்பட்டதா? அப்படி விவாதிக்கப்பட்டால் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதைப்பற்றி விவரம் தெரியாது."

Mohanaram Mills, Madurai.

* 1728 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether an application was made by the workers of the Mohanaram Mills, Madurai, to the authorities concerned under section 251 of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act;

(b) whether compensation has been paid to the workers under section 25-F; and

(c) if not, what action the Government have taken in that behalf?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The management of Mohanaram and Company, Madurai, has paid certain amounts to the workers as compensation.

" (c) Though the management has paid some compensation, the workers have represented that in some cases calculations were not correctly made. The claim petitions received from the workers are now under verification by the Commissioner of Labour. His report is awaited."